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SUBJ: PERMREPS LUNCH DISCUSSION, FEBRUARY 5

SUMMARY: AT PERMREPS LUNCH FEBRUARY 5 SYG LUNS SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THOSE ALLIES WHO NEED TO REPLACE THEIR F-104'S SHOULD ALL BUY THE SAME AIRCRAFT. LUNS ALSO ASKED FOR EARLY U.S. DECISION ON DATES FOR SPRING MINISTERIAL (AND VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIXON). PERMREPS DISCUSSED ALLIANCE COHESION AND NATURE OF THE NATO COMMITMENT, HEARD A REPORT ON ITALIAN MINISTERIAL VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST, AND PRAISED U.S. STRATEGIC RETARGETING BRIEFING. FEBRUARY 28 APPEARS SET FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS

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NAC MEETING. END SUMMARY.

REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR F-104

1. SYG LUNS TOLD FEBRUARY 5 PERMREPS-LUNCH THAT HE HAD SECRET

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DISCUSSED REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104 WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE IN NATO AND THAT HE UNDERSTOOD A NUMBER OF ALLIES WOULD NEED TO MAKE PROCUREMENT DECISION FAIRLY SOON. HE SAID THAT THE IMPORTANT POINT WAS THAT, WHATEVER REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT COUNTRIES CHOOSE,

IT SHOULD BE THE SAME ONE. THIS WOULD REDUCE COSTS AND IMPROVE MILITARY CAPABILITIES. HE INTENDED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED.

2. WHEN BELGIAN PERMREP DE STAERCKE MENTIONED THE COMPLICATED NATURE OF THE DECISION AND NEED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS, LUNS SAID HE WOULD APPOINT A STUDY GROUP. THE ESSENTIAL THING, HOWEVER, WAS TO HAVE A POLITICAL DECISION FOR A SINGLE AIRCRAFT. HE COMMENDED THE NORWEGIAN DEFENSE MINISTER FOR CALLING ATTENTION TO THE POINT.

DATE OF SPRING MINISTERIAL

3. LUNS SAID THE DATE OF THE NEXT MINISTERIAL HAD TO BE SET. IT WAS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR NATIONS TO MAKE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS AND COORDINATE MINISTERS' SCHEDULES. NATIONS SIMPLY SHOULD NOT BE TOLD ONLY THREE OR FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE. IN URGING ME TO TRY TO GET WASHINGTON TO SET DATES FOR THE SPRING MINISTERIAL (AND BY IMPLICATION, DATES FOR A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT) HE SAID THAT SOME COUNTRIES MIGHT USE DELAY IN SETTING A DATE AS A PRETEXT NOT TO ATTEND. THE APRIL ANNIVERSARY IS ALREADY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY.

COMMENT: WASHINGTON SHOULD BEAR THIS IN MIND IN DECIDING WHEN TO COMPLETE THE ATLANTIC DECLARATIONS AND ANNOUNCE ANY PRESIDENTIAL PLANS TO VISIT EUROPE. END COMMENT.

ALLIANCE COHESION AND COMMITMENT

4. FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE, REFERRING TO PERCEIVED CRITICAL ALLUSIONS TO FRANCE IN A RECENT SPEECH BY LUNS, ASKED LUNS ABOUT REFERENCE IN SPEECH TO ALLIES' COMMITMENT IN CASE OF ATTACK. HE ALSO ASKED WHAT NATO RULE OR PRECEDENT THERE WAS ABOUT CONSULTING ON OIL DEALS AND ARMS SALES.

5. LUNS SAID HIS REMARKS POINTED TO FACT THAT THERE WAS NO ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE OR AUTOMATICITY BY THE U.S. OR ANY OTHER
SECRET

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ALLY, IN CASE OF ATTACK, IN ARTICLE 5 OF TREATY. HOWEVER, THIS AMBIGUITY IN THE TREATY WAS COVERED BY THE PRESENCE OF TROOPS IN EUROPE SINCE THEY GUARANTEED A DIRECT U.S. INVOLVEMENT AND REACTION. DE STAERCKE POINTED OUT THAT FOR NATO AS A WHOLE MILITARY INTEGRATION HAD BEEN CREATED TO ASSURE MILITARY AUTOMATICITY; IKE HAD TOLD HIM THAT. CANADIAN AMBASSADOR MENZIES SAID HE ASSUMED FRANCE'S POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE ATLANTIC DECLARATION DIALOGUE WAS A WAY FOR IT TO RETURN TO SOME GREATER DEGREE OF AUTOMATICITY; AND THAT HE SAW ASPECTS OF THE FRENCH DRAFT WERE KEY IN THAT RESPECT.

6. I SAID MY INTERPRETATION OF THAT PORTION OF LUNS' REFORM CLUB SPEECH WAS THAT HE WAS SPEAKING, AS DR. KISSINGER HAD IN

THE ATLANTIC RELATIONS SPEECH, OF THE NEED TO ADJUST THE ALLIANCE TO MEET CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES TO ACHIEVE GREATER SUSTAINABILITY, AND ABOUT BURDENSARING AND THE REQUIREMENTS OF JACKSON-NUNN. LUNS REPEATED THIS INDICATING HE WAS SAYING THAT AN ALLIANCE IS A TWO-WAY STREET AND EUROPE MUST NOT TAKE THE U.S. FOR GRANTED.

7. AS TO CONSULTATIONS ON OIL DEALS AND ARMS SALES, DE STAERCKE RECALLED THAT NATO HAD ONCE SOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE BALANCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAD COMMUNICATED WITH THE SYG ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO THE AREA. ONCE THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE FOR NATO TO ONCE AGAIN CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF RECEIVING INFORMATION ON ARMS SHIP -
MENTS SO THAT A BALANCE COULD BE PRESERVED.

8. NETHERLANDS PERMREP HARTOGH SAID IT WAS NOT IN THE ALLIANCE INTEREST FOR ALLIES TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY IN AN AREA AS IMPORTANT AS ENERGY.

ITALIAN MINISTERIAL VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST

9. CATALANO REPORTED ON A RECENT ITALIAN MINISTERIAL VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND SAID THAT THE EMPHASIS WAS POLITICAL, WITH NO ARMS INVOLVED AND NO DEALS SIGNED EXCEPT A LETTER OF INTENT. ITALY HAD MADE CLEAR THAT IT WOULD ACT AS PART OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, AND THAT ITALY WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE, WHICH THEY DID NOT SEE IN SECRET

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CONFLICT WITH ANY ARAB INTEREST. THE ITALIANS HAD FOUND NO ARAB OPPOSITION TO THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE WASHINGTON MEETING, AND HAD FOUND ARAB APPRECIATION FOR EUROPEAN INTERESTS. KING FEISAL HAD SAID WITH RESPECT TO THE PRICE OF OIL THAT INCREASES HELPED THE SOVIETS SINCE THESE COULD LEAD TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE AND THIS WAS NOT THE ARABS' DESIRE.

BRIEFING ON STRATEGIC RETARGETING

10. PECK PRAISED THE FEBRUARY 4. U.S. BRIEFING ON STRATEGIC RETARGETING, AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION

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